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MEMORANDUM

To: CMAP Board and Committees

From: CMAP Staff

Date: March 1, 2017

Re: ON TO 2050 Update

The CMAP Board and committees receive regular detailed updates on the various components of ON TO 2050 plan development that are most relevant to them. Since the volume of work associated with plan development is too large for every committee to learn about every component individually, this bi-monthly memo provides a brief status update on all major ongoing elements of plan development, including links to recent presentations and interim or final products when available. Projects that appear in this document for the first time, or that were recently completed, are noted and highlighted in italics.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

Regional Snapshot Analyses

Project	CMAP lead	Timeline	Status and links
Regional economic clusters (see website)	Simone Weil	Jul. 2015 – May 2016	Project complete. The snapshot was published . Copies continue to be disseminated at relevant meetings and shared via the website and social media.
Travel behavior trends (see website)	Elizabeth Irvin	Jul. 2015 – Sep. 2016	Project complete. The snapshot 's release coincided with a transportation-related ON TO 2050 Big Ideas forum . Media coverage and promotion of the report continue.
Demographic trends (see website)	Kristin Ihnchak	Aug. 2015 – Mar. 2017	The snapshot is complete and will be released concurrently with exclusive coverage in Chicago Magazine in the first week of March.
Freight system trends (see website)	Alex Beata	Jul. 2015 – Apr. 2017	Communications team has laid out the draft.
Infill and TOD trends (see website)	Evy Zwiebach	Aug. 2015 – Apr. 2017	The draft snapshot continues to undergo internal review. Findings were presented to the RTA TOD Working Group in January.
Highway system trends	Jesse Elam	Jul. 2015 – Apr. 2017	The draft snapshot continues to undergo internal review. Findings were presented to the Transportation Committee in November.
Transit network trends	Martin Menninger	June 2016 – Apr. 2017	Initial findings will be presented at Transportation Committee in March.
Local food	Brian Daly	Jun. 2016 – Apr. 2017	The project scope and initial findings from research and data collection on local food indicators and policy activities were presented to the Environment and Natural Resources Committee in September. Staff is continuing to draft the narrative.
Tax policy	Simone Weil	Jun. 2016 - TBD	This project is on hold due to staffing changes.
Non-motorized transportation (see website)	Lindsay Bayley	Oct. 2016 – May 2017	Phase one research (at various stages) was presented to Transportation Committee (Jan), Environment and Natural Resources Committee (Feb), Land Use Committee (Feb), Kane Kendall Conference of Mayors Bike Ped Committee (Feb), North West Municipal Conference Bike Ped Committee (Feb), and Chicagoland Complete Streets Coalition (Jan). Phase One memo drafting underway.
Natural resources	Jared Patton	Oct. 2016 – Jun. 2017	Phase one research was presented to the Environment and Natural Resources Committee in February. Phase two research is ongoing.

Assessment of New Policy Directions

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Green infrastructure co-benefits (see website)	Kristin Ihnchak	Sep. 2015 – Apr. 2016	Project complete. The strategy paper was finalized and posted on the web for feedback.
Transportation system funding concepts (see website)	Lindsay Hollander, Alex Beata	Jul. 2015 – May 2016	Project complete. The strategy paper was finalized and posted on the web for feedback.
Climate resilience (see website)	Kristin Ihnchak	Jul. 2015 – Nov. 2016	The project is complete and posted on the CMAP website. Communications will leverage this report as we promote April's climate change forum.
Highway operations (see website)	Claire Bozic	Jul. 2015 – Feb. 2017	The project is complete and the document is posted on the CMAP website.
Tax policies and land use trends (see website)	Lindsay Hollander	Dec. 2015 – Mar. 2017	The project is complete and release is pending. Communications is currently contacting local media to gauge interest in coverage.
Reinvestment and infill strategies (see website)	Tony Manno, Liz Oo	Oct. 2015 – Apr. 2017	Staff presented the draft policy framework and strategies to the Human & Community Development Committee in January and the draft strategy paper is currently undergoing internal review.
Housing supply and affordability (see website)	Jonathan Burch	Jan. 2016 – Apr. 2017	The draft was presented to both the Housing Committee and Land Use Committee . The document is undergoing edits as a result.
Transit modernization (see website)	Martin Menninger	Jan. 2016 – Apr. 2017	Technology review by consultant is complete and will be integrated with past work.
Transportation technology	Elizabeth Irvin	Jun. 2016 – Apr. 2017	Consultant completed report and presented findings to Transportation Committee, RTOC/ATTF and Freight Committee. Report is undergoing staff review and editing.
Inclusive growth (see website)	Elizabeth Scott	Oct. 2015 – May 2017	Staff presented the inclusive growth framing to the Planning Coordinating Committee and is revising the draft strategy paper.
Lands in transition (see website)	Nora Beck	Jan. 2016 – May 2017	A draft of the strategy paper is being reviewed internally and will be presented to the Resource Group in March.
Asset management (see website)	Tom Murtha	Feb. 2016 – May 2017	Interim findings were presented to Transportation Committee in November. Staff is developing a draft strategy paper.
Water	Jason Navota	Sep. 2016 – May 2017	Staff completed review of regional partner initiatives and state/federal guidance on water issues, as well as production of data analysis and maps. Draft issues and challenges as well as proposed policy directions for ON TO 2050 will be presented to the ENR committee in March.

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Energy	Dan Olson	Jun. 2016 – May 2017	The consultant held several Steering Committee meetings through the fall that informed the formation of expert working groups including: Building Energy, Transportation Energy, Generation Sources, and Jobs/Economic Development. Working groups will continue meeting through the spring to inform the strategy paper, currently scheduled for release in May.
Community capacity	Patrick Day	Jun. 2016 – Jun. 2017	Staff prepared memos on topics including peer MPO capacity-building programs, shared service delivery, and LTA project implementation and presented information for Resource Group discussion. Four of seven project focus groups have been convened. Staff will continue to prepare topical assessment memos in advance of spring Resource Group meetings in March and May, and present initial findings to working committees in the spring.
Stormwater	Nora Beck	Nov. 2016 – Jun. 2017	Staff prepared the first of a series of memos. This first one focused on the causes of flooding and highlighted the impacts experienced in the region. The memo was reviewed by the ENR Committee , Land Use Committee , and various stakeholders. The next memo, focused on existing responses to flooding, will be completed in April.
Economic resilience	Simone Weil	Nov. 2016 – Oct. 2017	A project scope is under development.
Public health	Ricardo Lopez	Jan. 2017 – Nov. 2017	The first resource group meeting is scheduled for March 1. The consultant is scheduled to present first phase research to Human and Community Development Committee on March 13.

Other Plan Development Tasks

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Communications strategy	Tina Fassett Smith	Ongoing	Communications staff launched the first interactive graphic based on the ON TO 2050 Travel Trends snapshot in mid-February. The third ON TO 2050 snapshot report on Demographics Shifts will be released in early March concurrent with coverage in Chicago Magazine. Additionally staff released the Highway Operations strategy paper . Five ON TO 2050 Big Ideas forums have been held through the end of February. Communications staff is now heavily engaged in event and tool

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			development to support the upcoming Alternative Futures public engagement period. Five forums that align with the Alternative Futures themes have been planned, and five interactive applications are in development for use on kiosks to be placed across the region. Additionally we are working with vendors and plan managers to develop visual assets for the plan and to prepare for the eventual web presentation of ON TO 2050.
Data and tool development	Zach Vernon	Ongoing	Staff assembled documentation for datasets and tools generated in FY16, and coordinated with snapshot managers and communications staff to release tabular data from completed snapshots on the CMAP Data Hub . Continued to develop analytical tools and data products to inform topical research. Outputs for the tax policies and land use trends strategy paper included standardized tax district boundaries using 2014 parcel/assessor data for 3 counties.
Financial plan	Lindsay Hollander	Ongoing	Draft revenue and expenditure forecasts are complete , and feedback is being sought from CMAP committees. Research on reasonably expected revenue options is underway.
Layers	Kristin Ihnchak	Ongoing	The layers team finalized locally identified mixed-use areas and conservation areas layers to be incorporated into the beta version of the local area allocation tool. Project updates on the two layers were also given to the Land Use and ENR Committees.
Outreach activities	Jane Grover	Ongoing	<p>The ON TO 2050 Big Ideas Forum Series continues with a sixth forum, Closer to Home: Creating a Balanced Regional Housing Supply by 2050, to be held on February 28. The Metropolitan Planning Council joins CMAP as a co-host for this forum at MPC. The Alternative Futures Forum Series is also underway, and will include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) April 6: Thriving in a Changing Climate. The forum will take place at the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, a partner for this event. 2) May 4: Where We'll Live in 2050. The Chicago Architecture Foundation is the venue and CMAP partner for this forum.

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			<p>3) June 22: Harnessing Technology for Future Mobility. This forum is co-sponsored and hosted by the Illinois Institute of Technology and will include IIT College of Architecture Associate Professor Marshall Brown.</p> <p>4) Summer 2017: Doing More with Less in 2050. Details to be determined.</p> <p>5) Summer 2017: The Future of Economic Opportunity. Details to be determined.</p> <p>Development of public engagement activities for alternative futures, including interactive kiosks, public events, and MetroQuest surveys, is also underway.</p>
Regionally significant projects	Jesse Elam	Ongoing	Following the public call for projects, staff has begun to evaluate the projects; transit projects are being evaluated in partnership with RTA.
Scenario development	Liz Oo	Ongoing	Staff presented the climate change impacts memo to ENR Committee. The related memo and MetroQuest survey is currently undergoing internal review. Staff is developing memos for futures about walkable communities, economic restructuring, diminished public resources, and smarter mobility, and have presented the framework of these futures to the Land Use, Human and Community Development, and Economic Development Committees. Staff has also drafted content for interactive visual engagement tools for all five futures.
Socioeconomic forecast	David Clark	Ongoing	Staff have been working with consultant to develop a tool to allocate the regional forecast down to the local level. Concurrently, staff have developed mid-decade population and employment estimates so that the tool could be run from an updated (2015) base year. Staff made two presentations to county and local officials in Will County to discuss local allocation underlying concepts. With consultants, staff hosted a workshop at CMAP on February 24 to demonstrate the tool.

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